Chairman Kevin J. Martin,

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I am writing today to tell you of the powerful work that Orlando from Wild 98.7 has done in the school system.

I am a fifth grade teacher, and have been for the past 14 years. For the past several years Orlando (WLLD) has come to the school and spoken with our children. He is engaging, thought-provoking, articulate, and humble every time he comes. I have been very impressed that this "star" takes the time out of his schedule to come and try and better the lives of children he doesn't even know.

Please understand that I work in a school on the south side of St. Petersburg, FL, in what has been termed a "severely economically depressed" area of town where low socio-economic students abound. These kids need hope. They need someone to come and tell them they CAN achieve. They need someone to tell them HOW they can achieve. Orlando does that.

I give them the tools every day to learn and grow and overcome their obstacles. But therein lies the problem: I'm here every day. They tend to block me out sometimes. So it is very helpful to have a local radio disc jockey from the #1 urban station in the area come in and reiterate what I tell them on a daily basis. It gives me a little credibility that the things I'm telling them all year are REALLY things that will help them succeed.

Orlando's time and effort is sincerely appreciated and I hope he can continue to find time in his schedule to affect the lives of the children in my school.

Sincerely,

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